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(1) REF AIRGRAM REQUESTED VIEWS OF INFO ADDRESSES ON THE IMPACT OF CONTRACTING THERI WTDR REQUIREMENTS ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE LOCAL CONTRACTORS. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY SUFFICIENTLY RELIABLE AND CAPABLE FIRM IS NOW OPERATING IN KOREA WHICH COULD TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETING WTDRS, AND WHICH COULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE STANDARDS AND OBJECTIVITY TO SATISFY END-USEF REQUIREMENTS.

(2) REPLIES ARE PROVIDED BELOW TO THE FEW LETTERED SUB PARAGRAPHS IN PARAGRAPH 5 REFAIR WHICH APPLY TO THOSE POSTS NOT NOW EMPLOYING A CONTRACTOR FOR WTDR WORKS:
F) POST IN SOME CASES MAELS QUESTIONNAIRE TO FIRMS AND IN OTHER APPROPRIATE CASES STAFF MEMBER VISITS FIRM AND HAND-CARRIES

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR COMPLETION ON THE SPOT. EMBASSY ALSO MAKES USE OF CONFIDENTIAL BANK CREDIT REPORTS TO ASSIST IN EVALUATION OF FIRMS.

M) WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 1700 PERSON HOURS OF TIME OF EMBASSY SENIOR LOCAL USED IN OBTAINING AND WRITING UP OF THE 248 WTDRS PREPARED IN FY 1976. SOME 150 HOURS OF TYPIST TIME WAS USED IN FINAL PREPARATION OF WTDRS AND ROUGHLY 80 HOURS OF FSO TIME SPENT IN REVIEWING IN WTDR DRAFTS, AND OTHER
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WTDR-CONNECTED WORK.

(3) EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FROM THE
VIEW POINT OF EITHER ECONOMY OR QUALITY OF WORK TO CONSIDER
CHANGE IN WTDR PROCEDURES TO AN OUTSIDE CONTRACTOR AT THIS
POST AT PRESENT TIME.

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